

Section 3

Overall Persistence and Attainment of First Degree – Total

Table 3.1—Percentage distribution of 1989–90 beginning postsecondary students according to overall persistence and attainment of first degree as of spring 1994, by first institution attended, first degree working toward, and highest degree attained

| | First degree attained | | | | Overall persistence and attainment | | |
|--|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| | None | Certificate | Associate's degree | Bachelor's degree | Attained degree | No degree, enrolled | No degree, not enrolled |
| Total | 50.0 | 13.5 | 13.1 | 23.3 | 50.0 | 13.3 | 36.8 |
| Level and control of first institution | | | | | | | |
| 4-year | | | | | | | |
| Public | 45.2 | 3.4 | 5.5 | 46.0 | 54.8 | 18.4 | 26.8 |
| Private, not-for-profit | 28.1 | 2.9 | 4.5 | 64.5 | 71.9 | 8.6 | 19.5 |
| Private, for-profit | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 2-year | | | | | | | |
| Public | 63.3 | 13.4 | 20.9 | 2.5 | 36.7 | 14.7 | 48.6 |
| Private, not-for-profit | 47.8 | 15.6 | 33.5 | 3.1 | 52.2 | 12.5 | 35.3 |
| Private, for-profit | 48.0 | 23.5 | 27.2 | 1.4 | 52.0 | 1.5 | 46.5 |
| Less-than-2-year | | | | | | | |
| Public | 45.1 | 53.3 | 1.7 | 0 | 54.9 | 1.6 | 43.5 |
| Private, not-for-profit | 37.2 | 62.8 | 0 | 0 | 62.8 | 14.9 | 22.3 |
| Private, for-profit | 36.0 | 62.4 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 64.0 | 2.1 | 33.9 |
| Level of first institution | | | | | | | |
| 4-year | 39.6 | 3.2 | 5.2 | 52.0 | 60.4 | 15.2 | 24.4 |
| 2-year | 61.6 | 14.2 | 21.8 | 2.4 | 38.4 | 13.6 | 48.0 |
| Less-than-2-year | 38.0 | 60.5 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 62.0 | 2.5 | 35.5 |
| Control of first institution | | | | | | | |
| Public | 55.8 | 10.5 | 14.5 | 19.1 | 44.2 | 15.8 | 40.1 |
| Private, not-for-profit | 30.5 | 5.6 | 7.5 | 56.4 | 69.5 | 9.1 | 21.3 |
| Private, for-profit | 40.4 | 48.0 | 10.8 | 0.8 | 59.6 | 1.9 | 38.6 |
| Degree working toward at first institution | | | | | | | |
| None | 82.8 | 7.6 | 3.9 | 5.7 | 17.2 | 13.2 | 69.6 |
| Certificate | 45.2 | 49.7 | 3.9 | 1.2 | 54.8 | 3.8 | 41.4 |
| Associate's degree | 56.8 | 12.1 | 27.7 | 3.4 | 43.2 | 12.1 | 44.7 |
| Bachelor's degree | 43.2 | 4.1 | 8.5 | 44.2 | 56.8 | 17.0 | 26.1 |
| Highest degree attained | | | | | | | |
| None | 100.0 | † | † | † | † | 26.5 | 73.5 |
| Certificate | † | 100.0 | † | † | 100.0 | † | † |
| Associate's degree | † | 3.7 | 96.3 | † | 100.0 | † | † |
| Bachelor's degree | † | 0.6 | 9.1 | 90.4 | 100.0 | † | † |

—Too few cases for a reliable estimate.

†Not applicable.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 1990 Beginning Postsecondary Students Longitudinal Study—Second Follow-up (BPS:90/94), Data Analysis System.

Table 3.2—Percentage distribution of 1989–90 beginning postsecondary students according to overall persistence and attainment of first degree as of spring 1994, by attendance patterns through first degree attained (if any) or last enrollment

| | First degree attained | | | | Overall persistence and attainment | | |
|---|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| | None | Certificate | Associate's degree | Bachelor's degree | Attained degree | No degree, enrolled | No degree, not enrolled |
| Total | 50.0 | 13.5 | 13.1 | 23.3 | 50.0 | 13.3 | 36.8 |
| Number of months enrolled through first degree* | | | | | | | |
| Less than 12 months | 72.6 | 26.4 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 27.5 | 0.6 | 72.0 |
| 12–24 months | 53.7 | 21.1 | 23.4 | 1.8 | 46.3 | 8.2 | 45.5 |
| 25–36 months | 39.8 | 7.8 | 26.9 | 25.5 | 60.2 | 10.5 | 29.3 |
| 37–48 months | 31.2 | 1.9 | 9.4 | 57.5 | 68.8 | 22.6 | 8.6 |
| More than 48 months | 49.7 | 1.0 | 2.9 | 46.4 | 50.3 | 45.5 | 4.2 |
| Intensity of enrollment through first degree* | | | | | | | |
| Exclusively part time | 81.3 | 16.7 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 18.7 | 6.4 | 74.9 |
| Mixed | 46.4 | 9.8 | 16.7 | 27.0 | 53.6 | 20.7 | 25.7 |
| Exclusively full time | 38.8 | 16.0 | 14.9 | 30.2 | 61.2 | 8.4 | 30.5 |
| Number of institutions attended through first degree* | | | | | | | |
| One | 50.8 | 12.5 | 13.8 | 22.8 | 49.2 | 8.3 | 42.5 |
| More than one | 48.8 | 15.0 | 12.1 | 24.0 | 51.2 | 20.9 | 28.0 |
| Enrollment continuity through first degree* | | | | | | | |
| Continuously enrolled | 43.9 | 13.8 | 14.3 | 28.1 | 56.1 | 8.4 | 35.4 |
| Not continuously enrolled | 64.9 | 12.8 | 10.4 | 11.9 | 35.1 | 24.8 | 40.1 |
| Transfer status through first degree* | | | | | | | |
| Did not transfer | 48.2 | 11.5 | 13.9 | 26.4 | 51.8 | 9.0 | 39.2 |
| Transferred | 54.7 | 18.4 | 11.3 | 15.6 | 45.3 | 23.8 | 30.9 |
| Academic year of last enrollment | | | | | | | |
| 1989–90 | 84.6 | 15.4 | 0 | 0 | 15.4 | † | 84.6 |
| 1990–91 | 56.5 | 34.7 | 8.8 | 0 | 43.5 | † | 56.5 |
| 1991–92 | 57.0 | 17.9 | 18.7 | 6.4 | 43.0 | † | 57.0 |
| 1992–93 | 19.0 | 6.3 | 13.9 | 60.8 | 80.9 | † | 19.0 |
| 1993–94 | 44.1 | 8.3 | 17.6 | 30.1 | 55.9 | 31.7 | 12.4 |
| Transfer status and enrollment continuity through first degree* | | | | | | | |
| Did not transfer, continuously enrolled | 44.2 | 13.1 | 14.3 | 28.4 | 55.8 | 5.4 | 38.8 |
| Did not transfer, not continuously enrolled | 64.4 | 5.2 | 12.1 | 18.3 | 35.6 | 23.6 | 40.8 |
| Transferred, continuously enrolled | 42.6 | 16.9 | 13.9 | 26.7 | 57.4 | 21.4 | 21.1 |
| Transferred, not continuously enrolled | 65.3 | 19.7 | 8.9 | 6.0 | 34.7 | 25.9 | 39.4 |

*Through first degree (if any) or last enrollment.

†Not applicable.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 1990 Beginning Postsecondary Students Longitudinal Study—Second Follow-up (BPS:90/94), Data Analysis System.

Table 3.3—Percentage distribution of 1989–90 beginning postsecondary students according to overall persistence and attainment of first degree as of spring 1994, by demographic characteristics

| | First degree attained | | | | Overall persistence and attainment | | |
|--|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| | None | Certificate | Associate's degree | Bachelor's degree | Attained degree | No degree, enrolled | No degree, not enrolled |
| Total | 50.0 | 13.5 | 13.1 | 23.3 | 50.0 | 13.3 | 36.8 |
| Gender | | | | | | | |
| Male | 54.0 | 11.6 | 11.8 | 22.5 | 46.0 | 15.6 | 38.4 |
| Female | 46.6 | 15.1 | 14.3 | 24.0 | 53.4 | 11.2 | 35.4 |
| Age when began at first institution | | | | | | | |
| 18 years or younger | 42.2 | 7.9 | 15.4 | 34.5 | 57.8 | 14.6 | 27.6 |
| 19 years | 59.2 | 16.0 | 12.6 | 12.2 | 40.8 | 15.6 | 43.6 |
| 20–29 years | 62.3 | 25.3 | 9.1 | 3.3 | 37.7 | 10.2 | 52.1 |
| 30 years or older | 67.0 | 25.0 | 6.6 | 1.4 | 33.0 | 7.2 | 59.8 |
| Socioeconomic status | | | | | | | |
| Lowest quartile | 62.1 | 23.4 | 9.4 | 5.1 | 37.9 | 9.0 | 53.1 |
| Middle quartiles | 54.6 | 15.9 | 12.7 | 16.8 | 45.4 | 14.4 | 40.2 |
| Highest quartile | 40.4 | 7.2 | 14.9 | 37.5 | 59.6 | 13.5 | 26.9 |
| Race–ethnicity of student | | | | | | | |
| American Indian/Alaskan Native | 49.5 | 22.8 | 11.9 | 15.8 | 50.5 | 21.5 | 28.0 |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | 45.4 | 11.4 | 8.5 | 34.7 | 54.6 | 19.8 | 25.6 |
| Black, non-Hispanic | 58.2 | 17.0 | 9.5 | 15.3 | 41.8 | 13.5 | 44.7 |
| Hispanic | 55.0 | 16.1 | 15.1 | 13.8 | 45.0 | 18.7 | 36.3 |
| White, non-Hispanic | 48.8 | 12.9 | 13.6 | 24.8 | 51.2 | 12.3 | 36.5 |
| Marital status when began at first institution | | | | | | | |
| Not married | 46.9 | 11.9 | 14.1 | 27.0 | 53.1 | 14.1 | 32.8 |
| Married | 64.9 | 22.9 | 9.3 | 3.0 | 35.1 | 7.7 | 57.2 |
| Separated | 59.0 | 37.4 | 2.5 | 1.1 | 41.0 | 1.2 | 57.7 |
| Parental education | | | | | | | |
| Less than high school diploma | 59.5 | 24.6 | 7.8 | 8.1 | 40.5 | 9.3 | 50.3 |
| High school diploma | 54.7 | 16.1 | 14.4 | 14.9 | 45.3 | 11.1 | 43.5 |
| Some postsecondary | 49.4 | 11.8 | 14.6 | 24.2 | 50.6 | 14.5 | 34.9 |
| Bachelor's or higher | 41.2 | 7.2 | 13.6 | 38.1 | 58.8 | 16.9 | 24.3 |
| Dependency status in 1989–90 | | | | | | | |
| Dependent | 45.2 | 9.7 | 14.9 | 30.2 | 54.8 | 14.4 | 30.8 |
| Independent | 64.2 | 24.4 | 7.9 | 3.5 | 35.8 | 10.0 | 54.1 |
| Income and dependency status in 1989–90 | | | | | | | |
| Dependent | | | | | | | |
| Less than \$20,000 | 52.6 | 12.4 | 15.5 | 19.5 | 47.4 | 14.7 | 37.9 |
| \$20,000–39,999 | 48.8 | 10.9 | 14.5 | 25.8 | 51.2 | 14.2 | 34.6 |
| \$40,000–59,999 | 42.8 | 9.8 | 15.8 | 31.6 | 57.2 | 13.8 | 29.0 |
| \$60,000 or more | 35.3 | 5.2 | 13.6 | 45.9 | 64.8 | 15.2 | 20.0 |
| Independent | | | | | | | |
| Less than \$10,000 | 57.0 | 28.8 | 9.4 | 4.9 | 43.0 | 9.4 | 47.7 |
| \$10,000–19,999 | 66.6 | 23.3 | 6.8 | 3.3 | 33.4 | 11.0 | 55.6 |
| \$20,000 or more | 71.6 | 19.6 | 7.0 | 1.8 | 28.4 | 10.1 | 61.5 |

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 1990 Beginning Postsecondary Students Longitudinal Study—Second Follow-up (BPS:90/94), Data Analysis System.